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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EGEN, EAID
SUBJECT: TODMAN MEETING WITH ECON. DEVELOPMENT MINISTER HOYTE
AND FINANCE MINISTER HOPE

REF: GEORGETOWN 3027

1. FOLLOWING IS BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON MINISTER OF ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATIVES DESMOND HOYTE AND MINISTER OF
FINANCE FRANK HOPE. HOYTE AND HOPE ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET
WITH AMBASSADOR TODMAN ON MONDAY MORNING AT 10:30. TOPICS
OF DISCUSSION ARE EXPECTED TO INCLUDE GUYANA'S FINANCIAL
PINCH, PL 480 PROGRAMS AND BILATERAL AID PROJECTS.

2. HUGH DESMOND HOYTE WAS BORN ON MARCH 9, 1929 IN
GEORGETOWN. A LAWYER BY PROFESSION, HE WAS EDUCATED AT
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON AND MIDDLE TEMPLE FROM 1957-1960.
HE WAS ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT IN 1968 AND BECAME MINISTER
OF HOME AFFAIRS IN 1969. OTHER CABINET PORTFOLIOS HE HAS
HELD INCLUDE FINANCE (DECEMBER 1970-JULY 1972). WORKS AND
COMMUNICATIONS (AUGUST 1972- SEPTEMBER 1974). HE BECAME
MINISTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN SEPTEMBER OF 1974.
HIGHLY INTELLIGENT BUT PLAGUED BY DIABETES, HOYTE HAS
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BEEN RUMORED AS BURNHAM'S CHOICE AS HIS SUCCESSOR. HOYTE
HAS BEEN FRIENDLY TO THE U.S., BUT HE IS SOMEWHAT
RESERVED IN MEETING AND INCLINED TO BECOME TENSE UNDER
STRESS. HE IS AN AVID READER AND HISTORICAL RESEARCH IS
HIS AVOCATION.

3. FRANKLIN ELEAZER HOPE WAS BORN ON OCTOBER 1, 1924 AND

RECEIVED A B.S. DEGREE IN ECONOMICS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON. A CAREER CIVIL SERVANT, HOPE'S RISE TO CABINET STATUS HAS BEEN BASED SOLELY ON HIS TECHNICAL SKILLS; HE HAS NO POLITICAL POWER BASE. HOPE HAS URGED THAT INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ADOPT POSITIONS MORE IN TUNE WITH THE NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE ALSO FAVORS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER".

4. FOR MIN WILLS HAS INFORMED THE AMBASSADOR THAT SUBJECT MATTER TO BE COVERED BY HOYTE/HOPE WILL BE QUITE SIMILAR TO TOPICS HE AND PRIME MINISTER INTEND TO RAISE WITH ASST SECRETARY AND PARTY. EMPHASIS OBVIOUSLY WILL BE IN THE ECONOMIC SECTOR AND THUS PL 480, BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS AND THE CARIBBEAN CONSULTATIVE GROUP CAN BE EXPECTED TO OCCUPY MOST OF THIS SESSION. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT THE TWO MINISTERS WILL OUTLINE GUYANA'S CURRENT FINANCIAL PLIGHT IN SOME DETAIL AND THEY MAY RPT MAY RAISE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CONTENT OF OUR RECENTLY-ANNOUNCED FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PACKAGE TO JAMAICA. IN GENERAL, HOWEVER, THE TALKING POINTS PREPARED FOR THE MEETINGS WITH BURNHAM AND WILLS(GEORGETOWN 2917 AND 2930) WILL ALSO BE GERMANE TO THE DISCUSSION WITH HOPE AND HOYTE. WE INTEND TO INCLUDE AID DIRECTOR BOORADY AS PARTICIPANT IN THIS SESSION.

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